DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of a permit amendment and a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

ADDRESS: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427–8401; fax: (301) 713–0376.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

Authority: The requested permits have been issued under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR parts 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), as applicable.


Julia Marie Harrison,
Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore at (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the Federal Register on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the Federal Register notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to www.federalregister.gov and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG344

Marine Mammals; File No. 21938

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC), 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149 (Responsible Party: Theophilus Brainerd, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on up to 33 species of cetaceans.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov, and then selecting File No. 21938 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427–8401; fax: (301) 713–0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClennahan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427–8401.


The SEFSC is requesting a five-year permit to conduct cetacean research in U.S. and international waters of the western North Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea. The
objectives of the research are to meet the mandates of the MMPA and ESA through the study of cetaceans: (1) Stock structure, size estimates, habitat, and geographic range; (2) movement, ranging patterns, and diving behavior; (3) vocalization patterns and the ambient acoustic environment; (4) reproductive status; (5) types and origin of prey; (6) levels of anthropogenic chemical contaminants; and (7) behaviors to certain anthropogenic activities. Up to 33 species of cetaceans may be taken during research including the following ESA-listed species: Blue (Balaenoptera musculus), fin (B. physalus), Gulf of Mexico Bryde's (B. edeni), North Atlantic right (Eubalaena glacialis), sei (B. borealis), and sperm (Physeter macrocephalus) whales. Cetaceans may be taken during vessel and aerial surveys, including unmanned aircraft systems for photo-identification, photogrammetry, above and underwater photography and videography, behavioral observations, passive acoustic recordings, biological sampling (exhaled air, feces, sloughed skin, and skin and blubber biopsies), and tagging (suction-cup, dart/barb, and fully-implantable tags). Annual take numbers by species and procedure can be found in the take table of the application.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.


Julia Marie Harrison,
Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christen Goulding, (703) 805–5412 (Voice), (703) 805–5909 (Facsimile), christen.goulding@dau.mil (Email). Mailing address is Protocol Director, DAU, 9820 Belvoir Rd., Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. Website: https://www.dau.mil/about/p/Board-of-Visitors. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary

Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions and Sustainment, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors will take place.

DATES: Open to the public Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Defense Acquisition University Packard Conference Center; 9820 Belvoir Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christen Goulding, (703) 805–5412 (Voice), (703) 805–5909 (Facsimile), christen.goulding@dau.mil (Email). Mailing address is Protocol Director, DAU, 9820 Belvoir Rd., Fort Belvoir, VA 22060. Website: https://www.dau.mil/about/p/Board-of-Visitors. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.140 and 102–3.150. Purpose of the Meeting: The board will discuss items of on-going interest to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment with regard to the training and development of the Defense Acquisition Workforce. Agenda: 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Executive Session; 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. DAU Update; 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunch; 1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Future Focus; 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Board Remarks and Recommendations. Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. However, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Ms. Caren Hergenroeder at 703–805–5134.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors about its mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors. All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration. Statements being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least five calendar days prior to the meeting which is the subject of this notice. Written statements received after this date may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Acquisition University Board of Visitors until its next meeting.

Supplemental Information: This notice contains a correction to the August 10, 2018 Federal Register notice. Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.


Aaron T. Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting; Correction

AGENCY: General Counsel of the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: On Friday, August 10, 2018, the Department of Defense published a notice titled “Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.” In that notice, the waiver language in the first paragraph of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section contains incorrect references to the Defense Business Board and an incorrect meeting date. This notice corrects those errors. All other information in the notice of August 10, 2018 remains the same.

DATES: This correction is effective on August 16, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Toppings, 571–372–0485.